financiers, middlemen and couriers in our country to help the foreigners smuggling drugs into Sri Lanka; and

(c) whether it is a fact that there is illicit cultivation of cannabis ganja in Western Ghat in Tamil Nadu State inspite of raid and destruction of the plants by the Customs department periodically?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Financial middlemen and couriers are generally involved in drug trafficking cases. Appropriate action is taken against them whenever there is evidence of their activities.

(c) The Western Ghats in Tamil Nadu are prone to illicit ganja cultivation. However, action has been taken to destroy such crop in this area, whenever noticed.

Report submitted by FICCI

2225. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn by FICCI to the inflationary pressures on the economy contributed by the portfolio investments of the foreign institutional investors;

(b) if so, whether Government have examined the report submitted by FICCI showing that higher Foreign Institutional Investors' inflows led to higher rate of inflation; and

(c) what are the steps taken to prevent such inflationary trends?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) to (c) One of the major components for the growth in reserve money during the past year was the increase in the foreign exchange assests of RBI. In recognition of the monetary implications of foreign capital inflows, the guidelines for Euro-Issues which constitute one of the avenues for Foreign Institutional Investment, were tightened in October, 1994 stipulating that Indian companies should mandatorily retain abroad the proceeds of Euro-Issues made by them, to be repatriated into the country as and when expenditures for approved end-uses are incurred, to avoid monetary expansion as a consequence of Euro-Issue inflows in advance of the need for funds. The incidence of net Foreign Institutional Investment flows has been substantially lower since November, 1994 as compared to previous months.

Pay Revision in Nationalised Banks

2226. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have discussed regarding wage revision with the Trade Unions of Nationalised Banks; if so, the details in this regard; and

(b) what are the terms and conditions and Charter of Demands of each Trade Union for Wage revision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) and (b) Discussions on matters relating to wage revision take place between Indian Banks' Association (on behalf of the Banks Managements) and representatives of workmen unions/officers associations. In pursuance of these discussions, a Settlement viz. VIth Bipartite Settlement has been signed on 14.2.1995 between IBA and the representatives of All India Bank Employees' Association (AIBEA), National Confederation of Bank Employees (NCBE), Bank Employees Federation of India (BEFI) and Indian National Bank Employees Federation (INBEF). Discussions regarding wage revision for officers are in progress. The wage revision for workmen employees will have incremental impact of 10.5% on the existing wage bill. The cost in terms of quantum would be approximately Rs 388 crores per annum. The major demands made by these Trade Unions are at Statement (*See* below). The salient features of the sixth Bipartite Settlement are given in Statement-II.

Statement-I

Major demands of the four workmen unions were as under:

1. *Construction of Scales*

   Merger at 1148 points and construction of pay scales with loading of about 10-15% thereon.